

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The details of major agricultural products imported are given in the publication 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India, Volume-II (Imports) Annual Number' Published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, which is available in the library of the Parliament.

(b) The import of products are for domestic use and export after value addition.

(c) and (d) There has been no comprehensive study on the impact of Liberalised imports of agricultural products on Indian Agriculture. Recently the Government has brought out a study entered 'State of the Indian Farmer: A Millennium Study', as a part of which "Globalisation and Agricultural Liberalisation in India" has also been studied. Based on various measures of import and export competitiveness, the study concludes that most of the import agricultural commodities in India are competitive and that India can withstand competition from abroad with respect of most of the crops.

Promotion of industries in Uttarakhand

718. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to promote industries in Uttarakhand;

(b) what have been the results of these steps during the last two years and the current year, so far; and

(c) what financial provisions have been made by Government in this regard during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government had announced a package of economic incentives on 7th January, 2003 for promoting industrialization in the State of Uttaranchal (Uttarakhand). Under this package, various incentives like income tax exemption, excise exemption and Capital Investment Subsidy to New Industrial units and

existing industrial units on their substantial expansion in the identified locations have been provided. As a results, as per Government of Uttaranchal, the industrial growth rate which was 1.9% in 2001-02 has increased to 18%. 7,627 SSI units were established during last two years and the current year with an investment of Rs. 1,773.00 crores and 44,000 persons have been employed. Besides, 2,460 industrial units with an investment of Rs. 21,500.00 crores are in various stages of implementation, in which employment to about 1,50,000 persons would get generated.

(c) Rs. 24.91 crores has been released in this regard by the Central Government for the State of Uttaranchal (Uttarakhand) since 2002-2003.

Industries in industrially backward districts of AP

719. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals if any, for setting up industrial units in the industrially backward districts of Shrikakulam and Mehboobnagar in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) The details of Industrial licenses (IL) issued and Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEM) received from entrepreneurs since 01.01.2004 till 30.09.2006 for setting up/expansion of Industrial units for the Mehboobnagar and Shrikakulam districts of Andhra Pradesh are as below:

District	IL	IEM
Mehboobnagar	6	73
Shrikakulam	Nil	46

Protection of domestic vanaspathi industry

720. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Vanasapthi has